

221 East Fourth Street Cincinnati, OH 45202

November 2, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission The Portals 445 Twelfth Street S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Amended Section 63.71 Application of Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC to Discontinue the Provision of Service.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC (CBT) submitted an Application for Authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules dated October 25, 2016 to discontinue Local Area Service in the Butler, Falmouth, Glencoe, Warsaw, and Williamstown exchanges within the Kentucky portion of it operating area on or after January 3, 2017.

CBT wishes to make changes to the customer letters per Commission discussions. Copies of the revised letters are attached.

Questions concerning this letter should be directed to me at the above address, by phone at (513) 397-1231, or by email at mike.bishop@cinbell.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Bishop Senior Manager

Switched Services & Regulatory

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Enclosure

Cc: Rodney McDonald, Esq.



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### Re: Withdrawal of Local Area Service

Dear valued Cincinnati Bell Customer,

For more than 140 years, Cincinnati Bell has been delivering high performance, reliable communications services. We thank you for choosing us as your telecommunications provider.

Cincinnati Bell is upgrading its network in your area to replace obsolete equipment. The areas affected include the Kentucky exchanges of Butler, Falmouth, Glencoe, Warsaw and Williamstown. As a result, the Local Area Service (LAS) phone line you receive from Cincinnati Bell will no longer be offered. Local Area Service allows you to place local calls to a limited nearby area with calls beyond that area subject to long distance charges.

Your Local Area Service will be replaced by Cincinnati Bell's Extended Area Service (EAS). With Extended Area Service you will be able to place local calls throughout the Cincinnati Bell Telephone service area without incurring long distance charges.

Currently, the tariffed rate is \$25.50 per month for LAS and \$31.45 per month for EAS. Cincinnati Bell is able to extend the rate of \$25.50 per month for your new EAS service for 12 months after the conversion. After 12 months, your EAS service will be charged at the tariffed rate of \$31.99 per month.

Cincinnati Bell does not expect any interruption to your service during this conversion.

Please consider this letter to be Cincinnati Bell's formal notice that, subject to the approval of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), Cincinnati Bell

Telephone Company LLC plans to withdraw Local Area Service on or after January, 3 2017.

If you subscribe to other services from Cincinnati Bell, those services will NOT be impacted by the anticipated withdrawal of the Local Area Service.

If you are interested in other home phone options that include additional features, please visit www.cincinnatibell.com/home-phone or call 513-565-2210.

Sincerely,

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## <u>Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC is required by the Federal Communications</u> <u>Commission to provide the following statement:</u>

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.



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Your account is currently under contract. Therefore this change will not affect the rate you are currently paying for your access line. When your contract expires you will be charged the then current tariffed rate for extended area service access line service. Cincinnati Bell does not expect any interruption to your service during this conversion.

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